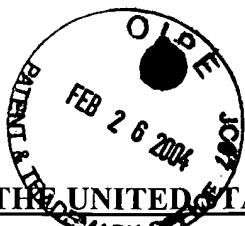


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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2003, said period of response being extended from November 21, 2003 to February 21, 2004.

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